

REMARKS

In this Amendment, claims 1-219, 221 and 223-229 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; claims 220 and 222 were previously presented; and new claims 230-237 have been added. It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced into the application by virtue of the new claims, which find support in the previous claims and in the disclosure of the application as originally filed. Cancellation of the non-allowed claims in this application is for the sole purpose of progressing the allowed claims and claims dependent thereon to issuance in the instant application. Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a timely filed continuing application.

Thus, the currently pending claims in the instant application are claims 220, 222 and 230-237.

Allowable claims

The Examiner has previously indicated that claims 220 and 222 are allowed and free of the prior art of record.

New claims 230-237, which depend from and further describe allowed claims 220 and 222, contain no new matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that new claims 230-237 should also be considered allowable in this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. An action progressing this application to issue is courteously urged.

Should any additional fees be deemed to be properly assessable in this application for the timely consideration of this amendment and response, or during the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fee(s), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference no. **28682-501-CIP**, Customer Number: **35437**.

Should an extension of time be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment and response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any such extension of time as may be necessary, and to charge any additional fee(s) owed by Applicants for such extension of time, to the above-mentioned Deposit Account, Reference and Customer Numbers.


If the Examiner believes that it would be helpful to discuss the application to advance the prosecution of this application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at (212) 692-6742 and is assured of full cooperation in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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